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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Preliminarily, the Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for acknowledging the allowability of claims 19, 24 and 26, and submit that the claims, as newly presented, are allowable as well.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 18-26 will be cancelled leaving new claims 61-114 pending. The new claims have been slightly rewritten to make the claims more consistent and more specifically specify the invention. In addition, in claims 61-105 the limitation *optionally substituted C₁-C₂₀ alkoxy* has been to the definition of R''' to include, but not be limit to, the methoxy groups in the compound of Example 5. Finally, new independent claims 61 and 81 correspond substantially to claims 19 and 26 both of which have been indicated as being allowable by the Examiner (if re-written in independent form) and claims 62-75 are all dependent on claim 61.

Applicants disclaim the priority previously claimed to U.S. Patent Application 09/074,925 and request a revised Filing Receipt reflecting the same.

Original claims 18 and 20-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over Lafferty *et al.* (US 5,158,966). The Applicants submit that the claims as presently pending are free of the prior art. Specifically, Lafferty does not teach a compound as claimed in claims 61-75 (and claims 91-109 and 111-114) wherein the Z moiety is defined as above nor does it teach a compound where neither A'' or B'' are hydroxy, as in claims 76 and 110.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

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